

**PARTICIPATION OF VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS
ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS:
WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO RE-AWAKENING PROJECT IN**

BATTICALOA DISTRICT

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ABSTRACT

The project provides the community to come together, get organized and build the Village Development Organization. The VDO's major role is to provide support, guidance and assistance to the community. It would also support the linking of the community to various partner institutions that will help the VDO and the village to grow. It is therefore essential to gain a good understanding of the:

- Establishment, structure and management of the VDO
- Roles and Responsibilities of the VDO

This thesis assesses the participation of Village Development Organization in Batticaloa district with special reference to Re-awakening Project which depends on enhancement of household welfare. The field survey was undertaken to understand and analyze the participation of VDOs. Success of the project, Sustainability of the project, Efficiency and Effectiveness of the project were taken as variables to understand the VDO members' participation. Research questions were asked as how the participatory approach contributes to the success of the project, sustainability of the project and for efficiency and effectiveness of the project. Sample is a random sampling method and seven villages were selected in Batticaloa district with the special reference to re-awakening project and from that, the sample size is taken as 100 Village Development Organization members.

From the research point of view, the three variables such as Success of the project, Sustainability of the project, Efficiency and Effectiveness of the project's overall mean is 3.72 and 86% of the VDO members stating that the Village Development Organization having high level of participation in decision making power, resource control, accessing the information, commitment in village-level activities, development on social capital, youth skill development, income generating activities, identifying the efficiency and effectiveness of the project, availability of contribution. So it is recommended that, when the development agencies planning to implement a development project, they can follow the VDO participatory approach.

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